Bristol, April 25th 1850
Park Street.

My dear Madam.

Mr. Webb sent to me, as "I lived nearer to Paris than he did", a parcel for you which came in the box from Boston that contained the usual annual supply of Reports of the "Mass. A.S. Society" "Boston Bazaar Gazette" &c.

An opportunity will occur next week of my sending it to you by a gentleman engaged in business, who frequently goes to Paris for French manufactures.

The parcel is addressed to you R. de Clichy No 17, and Mr. Backhall says he shall have pleasure in forwarding it thither on his arrival in Paris, which will be at the end of next week. He will also bring letters, or any thing else for you, to England, if they are sent to Meurice's hotel, R. de Rivoli

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by next Sunday week, on which day he is sure to be at the hotel. They should be inclosed in a cover addressed to Mr Buckmall of Bristol, Hotel Meurice.

I shall probably send you by Mr. B. besides your parcel, any communications that friends here may desire to transmit, and also an account of Dan Antislavery meeting held here last week in honor of Geo. Brown, of whom I saw a good deal, though my own, & my daughter's uncertain health would not allow of our having him for our guest, in consequence of the necessity which that would have involved of much bustle from company &c. However, he was close to me with a kind & suitable friend, who not being able to assist him in the meetings &c., as I was, was quite willing to let him come to me as often as he wished.

I have committed an act of hostility in the Anti Slavery cause which is likely

to get up a little warfare. A soirée was given
to Brown on last Thursday week, on which occasion I was requested
to take the Chair from it being supposed that
I knew more about the A.S. movement
than others; and W. Brown was especially
anxious that I should take this post, &
to secure everything going on rightly & sufficiently for B^n and the "American A.S
Co^y" I did not decline. It turned out
a thoroughly satisfactory, & I think, telling
meeting. In my opening remarks,
I spoke strongly of the "B. & F. A.S. Society"
at least I attacked it thro' its organ the
"A.S. Reporter", of the short comings of which
most of the Bristol Anti Slavery people are
profoundly ignorant. Garrison who assisted
in getting up the soirée for Brown, in the in-
nocency of his heart, sent the proceedings
& Resolutions to John Scoble for insertion in
the Reporter! But the result was (as Brown
who urged the experiment shrewdly "calculated")
that Scoble is much offended: he says Brown

brought me introduction to the Broadth Society; — that he ought to be at home with his wife & family; that Pennington had been recommended to them, who that he was a legislative A. S. Lecturer. And I am threatened with the censure of the Reporters for "going out of my way" to find fault with it. I have written to Mr. G. Thompson & sent him a copy of the proceedings that he may be prepared to follow up the attack if opportunity offer.

To ensure a right direction of the proceedings of our Meeting I undertook to draw up the 3 first Resolutions, showing them previously to Braun.

Mr. R. D. Webb has spent a few days with me lately, & my daughter & I much enjoyed his company. I have informed him of my opportunity of sending to Paris, & he has told me of one to Boston by which I purpose sending Mr. May our Resolutions &c. —

You must not think me impertinent if I inquire whether you & Mrs Follen have any plans of leaving Paris, (or where you may be) this summer? My daughter's health is much benefited by excursions from home during the summer, that has also her heart

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2nd/ is quite set upon a trip to Paris, that she may have the pleasure of becoming acquainted with you & Mrs Follen & Miss Cabot, and such other of your friends as you may think us worthy of being introduced to. The end of June, or beginning of July will probably bring me this time. Some valued friends of ours are likely to go to Paris early in the next month, Mrs Parker and her two daughters. Miss Kate P. (the younger of the two) is the translator of Douglass's Narrative into French. We shall see some weeks with them last summer in the Isle of Alderney, where Mr P.'s son was superintending a government work, — the making of a harbour of Refuge. I shall not hesitate to furnish them with an introduction to you. Kate & myself & daughters, have been great Anti-Slavery fellow Laborers.

I am pleased with what I saw of W. W. Brown. He has not, I think, the talent of Douglass, nor his cultivated mind & refined habits, but I felt more sympathy with him than I did with F.D. There seemed an openness, & confiding ness about Brown that did not betray itself in F.D. Perhaps, however, I was not a person he could trust, tho' he did trust me very unreservedly as far as his pecuniary interests were concerned. Still I thought him not

totally a cautious & suspicious man, which ought not to be any ground for censure considering how he was brought up. However, I regard him as a very interesting & remarkable character.

Brown is not likely to be exposed to one danger by which G.B. was surrounded in this country — the being spoiled by the attentions of Ladies! W.W.B. is certainly not such a "Lady's man" as Douglass was. I must say however, for the Ladies, that, as far as my opportunity of observing went, he was more reserved against than receiving; indeed I was struck with his discretion & reserve & delicacy.

I may send you next week, the "Resolutions" passed at the A.S. meeting here the 4th. I should think you could be thankful to hear nothing more about these phantoms until you return to the U.S.! America is certainly the land of Resolutions: were they carried out into action, yours would indeed be a "Model Republic".

The more I see of your fugitive-slave Agents, the more impressed am I with the caution required, (& I should imagine the difficulty experienced,) in selecting safe & proper persons.

To them the A.S. cause is not one of sacrifice, but of distinction, elevation & profit: at least I presume that there would be no position in this

U.S. in which they will be able to benefit themselves so much with their amount of talent, & in spite of & with the prejudice against them? I cannot however but believe that you have been very fortunate in Douglass & Brown, & Remond, tho' he was in the field before I was. An unstable or unprincipled fugitive slave missionary here will find many temptations to a faithless course, I mean in reference to pecuniary. I am fearful John Scoble, Joseph Sturge & others would leave no argument untried to convince them they ought to desert the "irreligious" "infidel" "American A.S.S.y"

The Quakers here are sadly prejudiced against the leaders of the Abolition movement of America. Only yesterday one tried to persuade me that at the London Convention of 1840 the Abol.ts from America were endeavouring to introduce the subject of "woman's Rights" & numerous other foreign & unpalatable subjects into the discussion. I instanced him in the history of the disgraceful manner in which the female delegates from the U.S. were treated on that occasion.

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26th Since the foregoing was written, I find from a letter to Mrs. H. Thomas from Miss Cabot, that you are likely to go soon to Switzerland, which will postpone the pleasure we hope, sometime to enjoy, of becoming personally acquainted with you. I deeply regret to hear thro' that letter, that Mrs Follen has been so long, & so seriously indisposed. I trust she will be well enough to accompany you to Switzerland. My kind regards to her & Miss Cabot, & to Mrs. C. F.

Mr. Webb has already sent me a letter to be forwarded to you next week. His friend sails for Boston next Saturday week Mahseira. By him I shall forward an "Address" voted & an Epistle Greeting to the "People of Mass." But particulars you shall hear next week, and anything else I may have omitted to say now, my daughter or myself will then inform you of.

She desires to unite with me in respectful regard to yourself & the Miss Westons, and I am my dear Madam,

Yours most truly,

J. B. Estlin.

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